Tent Heater Safety

DA Approved Heaters:

- **H-45 Space Heater, NSN 4520-01-329-3451,**
  burns liquid and solid fuels, replaces M1941 “Potbelly”
- **Arctic Space Heater, NSN 4520-01-444-2375,**
  burns liquid and solid fuels, replaces M1950 “Yukon”
- **Small Space Heater, NSN 4520-01-478-9207,**
  burns liquid fuel and has a built-in tank (no can required)
- **Convective Space Heater, NSN 4520-01-431-8927,**
  provides hot air, generates own power and recharges its battery
- **Thermoelectric Fan, NSN 4520-01-457-2790,**
  fits on top of any heater, circulates heated air, self-powered

ALL OPERATORS MUST BE TRAINED/LICENSED!!!

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Safety Rules:

- Always Operate Heaters IAW Applicable TM
- Always Use Specified Type of Fuel for Your Heater
- Check and Clean Heater Components Before Use
- Always Turn Face Away When Lighting Heaters – Let Heaters Cool Down Before Relighting
- Leave Enough Space Between the Heater/Stovepipe and Parts of the Tent. One Complete Stovepipe Section Must be Above Highest Point of the Tent
- Keep Fuel Cans Outside the Tent – Don't Exchange the Fuel Can Unless the Heater is Turned Off
- Never Operate Heaters at Full Capacity to Avoid Overheating

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- **Fire Prevention Rules:**
- Appoint Fire Guard When Soldiers Sleep in Tent
- Don’t use Combustible Materials for Insulation of Tent Floors – Place Heater in a Sandbox in Tents with Wooden Floors
- Do Not Open/Move Stove/Heater While it is Still Hot
- Never Leave Heaters/Stoves Unattended – As Fuel Level Declines, Pressure Changes, and Readjustments are Necessary
- Keep Stoves Clean – But Never Pour Water or Throw Blanks in Them!!!

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Fire Plan:

- Have a Fire Plan and Rehearse it Frequently
- Evacuate Tent Immediately in Case of Fire or Suspected Presence of Carbon Monoxide
- Have Fire Extinguishers Available
- Do Not Add Water to a Gas Fire – It Will Spread!!!
- Ensure Emergency Agencies (Fire Department, Paramedics, etc.) can be Promptly Notified and Have Access to all Structures/Areas
- **SAVING LIVES IS FIRST PRIORITY!!!**

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